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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE PRIORITY
INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT
AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCE SEABEES

FRANKFURT FOR RSO/RSS/RTC/RMO

REF: OM DATED APRIL 30, 1975

1. FBO ADVISES IT HAS NOT ALLOTTED ANY OF THE ESTIMATED 110,000 DOLLARS FOR RESURFACING OF EMBASSY FRONT FACADE AND RELATED WORK WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE ROOF REPAIRS.
2. FBO ALSO REFERRED TO A POSSIBLE MAY 20 STARTING DATE, NOT MAY 12, IF IN FACT FUNDS ARE ALLOTTED.
3. BASED UPON REFERENCE, WE PRESUME SCAFFOLDING WILL BE ERECTED GROUND TO ROOF, FRONT, EAST END SECTION OF EMBASSY ONLY UNTIL WORK ON THAT SECTION IS COMPLETED. SCAFFOLDING
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WILL THEN BE DISMANTLED AND RE-ERECTED ON FRONT, WEST END SECTION. FINALLY, AFTER WORK COMPLETED THAT SECTION SCAFFOLDING WILL BE DISMANTLED AND RE-ERECTED CENTER SECTION. THESE THREE SEPARATE STAGES OF RENOVATIONS ARE

ESTIMATED BY POST TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT WEEKS EACH
WITH A FINAL DATE OF COMPLETION BY NOVEMBER 1.

4. CONSIDERING VULNERABILITY OF EMBASSY TO PENETRATION
OFFERED BY SCAFFOLDING AND RECOGNIZED BY POST IN ITS
REQUEST FOR SEABEE SURVEILLANCE, RSO IS REQUESTED TO CON-
SIDER DEFERRING HOME LEAVE UNTIL PROJECT COMPLETION.

5. IN ORDER FOR A/SY TO SUPPORT EMBASSY AND PLAN FOR TDY
SURVEILLANCE PERSONNEL PLEASE ADVISE:

(A) FIRM DATE, WORK TO COMMENCE;

(B) CONFIRMATION OUR PRESUMPTION PARAGRAPH THREE;

(C) WILL RENOVATIONS INCLUDE ROOF REPAIRS;

(D) WILL WORK CONTINUE STAGE TO STAGE WITHOUT UNPLANNED
INTERRUPTIONS UNTIL COMPLETION OF ENTIRE PROJECT;

(E) DOES EMBASSY PLAN TO ALARM SCAFFOLDING, WINDOWS, ETC.
WITH ANTI-INTRUSION DEVICES, MOUNT TELEVISION CAMERA TO
MONITOR ROOF OR OTHER SURFACES OR INSTALL ANY OTHER
TECHNICAL EQUIPMENTS TO ASSIST THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM;

(F) CAN RSO DEFER HOME LEAVE? A FULL TIME TDY RSO IS
NOT AVAILABLE. AT BEST, FRANKFURT AND VIENNA RSOS COULD
OVERSEE ON LIMITED TDY VISITS.

6. CONSIDERING NEED FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE 24 HOUR POST
FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE EMBASSY WILL REQUIRE FOUR (4) TDY
MARINES IN ADDITION TO TDY SURVEILLANCE SEABEE PERSONNEL.
PLEASE ADVISE WHERE MSG AND SEABEE PERSONNEL WILL BE
HOUSED IN RELATION TO PROJECT AND EMBASSY SUPPORT ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EMBASSY, ETC.

7. A PROMPT, COMPREHENSIVE REPLY IS NECESSARY TO PLANNING
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FOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL. INGERSOLL

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